133 items is appended [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 69].

For all other electronic items, DC (SSI) issues the same approval letters. For these items interdepartmental committees consisting of representatives from DOE and DC(SSI) consider the proposals received from Small Scale Sector.

Big and medium industrial undertakings need to apply for Industrial Licence as per Industrial Development and Regulations Act, 1951.

(c) To encourage Small Sector a number of products have been reserved for exclusive production by them and lower excise duty is levied on certain products. Also DOE has set up Electronics Test and Development Centres in various States to provide testing and design, development assistance to units in the Small Scale Sector.

Anti-Rabies Vaccine

1539. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that more than five lakh people undergo anti-rabies immunisation because of dog bite and thereby 42 lakhs man days are lost every year in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of rabies vaccine resulting in great inconvenience to the affected persons;

(c) whether Governmnet propose to chalk-out any plan to minimise the case of dog bite in the country and if so, the details therof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide vaccine to save the lives of affected persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No authentic data about the number of people undergoing anti-rabies treatment every year are available. However, it has been roughly estimated that about 5 lakhs persons undergo antirabies immunisation every year.

(b) No shortage of anti-rabies vaccine has come to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

(c) 'Public Health' being a State subject, Central Government is not primarily concerned with the matter. Howeevr, Municipal bye-laws empower the Municipal Health authorities to catch and destroy stray dogs in the municipal areas.

(d) Anti-rabies vaccines are supplied to the patients free of cost by all Government Institutions/Hospitals.

Generation of Energy from all Sources

1540. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of atomic energy in the total annual energy generation from all sources in the U.S.S.R. the U.S.A., Japan; Western Europe, and China separately; and

(b) whether any slow down has been noticed in these countries in the establishment of new nuclear energy installations in recent years because of fears about nuclear hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Nuclear power generation as a percentage of total power generation at end of 1987 in the different countries is as follows:

US.S.R.	10.6
USA	16.6
Japan	24.7
Western Europe	35, average of 9 countries
China	Nil

(b) Slowing down of ordering of new nuclear power plant has been observed and the reasons varies from country to country. Some of the reasons. are saturation in demand, public opposition, aftermath of Chernobyl non-availability of funds, tighter regulatory measures or easy access to coal, oil or hydroelectric power.

Exploration of Ground Water

1541. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet Union has offered India its expertise in exploration of ground water resources, as reported in the Hindustan Times of November 9, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details theroef?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under the Indo-Soviet Cooperation Programme in the field of Irrigation and Water Management both sides have agreed to develop cooperation in ground water exploration and prespective drilling.

USSR has supplied six drilling rigs and 35 pumps as gift to the Government of India. These have been deployed in the drought hit States of Gujarat, Rajasthan end Madhya Pradesh. Further, a joint Indo-USSR Seminar on Advances in Water Well Drilling Technology was held in India in October, 1988.

1542. *[Transferred to the 28th November, 1988]*

Control of S.T.D by Erythromycin.

1543. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry intimated that Erythromycin is required for control of S.T.D. which falls under National Health Programme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not recommending its inclusion under category-I to Department of Chemicals; and

(c) by when such recommendation is proposed to be sent to the Department of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Erythromycin is one of the drugs used for the (treatment of S.T.O. Drugs for STD were not recommended initially. A committee and been constituted to review National Health Programme drugs to be listed for categorisation under Category I of the Drug price Control Order, 1987. The committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

Measures suggested by NIV to control Japanese Encephalitis

1544. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Virology (NIV) of the Indian Council of Medical Research has suggested measures to control the dreaded Japanese Encephalitis;

(b) whether the dreaded disease is spreading in most parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures suggested by NIV and further steps Government propose to take to control the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) In an article entitled 'Strategy For the Control of Japanese Encephalitis' published in the Indian Council of Medical Research